| UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT    |   |                    |
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| SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK   |   |                    |
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| ROBERT MERCER,                  | : |                    |
| Plaintiff,                      | : |                    |
| ,                               | : | 19 Civ. 8842 (LGS) |
| -against-                       | : |                    |
| •                               | : | <u>ORDER</u>       |
| NEW YORK CITY HOUSING AUTHORITY | : |                    |
| Defendant.                      | : |                    |
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LORNA G. SCHOFIELD, District Judge:

WHEREAS, a settlement conference was held on April 6, 2020. It is hereby

**ORDERED** that the parties shall file a joint letter by **April 17, 2020**, proposing next steps, including whether Defendant still seeks to file a motion to dismiss as requested in its letter dated December 20, 2019 (Dkt. No. 24). It is further

**ORDERED** that Defendant shall serve this Order on pro se Plaintiff via mail and, if possible, via email, and file proof of such service by **April 14, 2020**. It is further

ORDERED that pro se Plaintiff is advised that, in light of the current global health crisis, parties proceeding pro se are encouraged to submit all filings by email to Temporary\_Pro\_Se\_Filing@nysd.uscourts.gov. Pro se parties also are encouraged to consent to receive all court documents electronically. A consent to electronic service form is attached to this order and is available on the Court's website. Pro se parties who are unable to use email may submit documents by regular mail or in person at the drop box located at the U.S.

Courthouses in Manhattan (500 Pearl Street) and White Plains (300 Quarropas Street). For more information, including instructions on this new email service for pro se parties, please visit the Court's website at nysd.uscourts.gov.

Dated: April 10, 2020

New York, New York

Lorna G. Schofield

UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE



# **Pro Se (Nonprisoner) Consent to Receive Documents Electronically**

Parties who are not represented by an attorney and are not currently incarcerated may choose to receive documents in their cases electronically (by e-mail) instead of by regular mail. Receiving documents by regular mail is still an option, but if you would rather receive them only electronically, you must do the following:

- 1. Sign up for a PACER login and password by contacting PACER<sup>1</sup> at <a href="https://www.pacer.uscourts.gov">www.pacer.uscourts.gov</a> or 1-800-676-6856;
- 2. Complete and sign this form.

If you consent to receive documents electronically, you will receive a Notice of Electronic Filing by e-mail each time a document is filed in your case. After receiving the notice, you are permitted one "free look" at the document by clicking on the hyperlinked document number in the e-mail.<sup>2</sup> Once you click the hyperlink and access the document, you may not be able to access the document for free again. After 15 days, the hyperlink will no longer provide free access. Any time that the hyperlink is accessed after the first "free look" or the 15 days, you will be asked for a PACER login and may be charged to view the document. For this reason, you should print or save the document during the "free look" to avoid future charges.

### IMPORTANT NOTICE

Under Rule 5 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, Local Civil Rule 5.2, and the Court's Electronic Case Filing Rules & Instructions, documents may be served by electronic means. If you register for electronic service:

- 1. You will no longer receive documents in the mail;
- 2. If you do not view and download your documents during your "free look" and within 15 days of when the court sends the e-mail notice, you will be charged for looking at the documents;
- 3. This service does *not* allow you to electronically file your documents;
- 4. It will be your duty to regularly review the docket sheet of the case.<sup>3</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Public Access to Court Electronic Records (PACER) (<a href="www.pacer.uscourts.gov">www.pacer.uscourts.gov</a>) is an electronic public access service that allows users to obtain case and docket information from federal appellate, district, and bankruptcy courts, and the PACER Case Locator over the internet.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> You must review the Court's actual order, decree, or judgment and not rely on the description in the email notice alone. *See* ECF Rule 4.3

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> The docket sheet is the official record of all filings in a case. You can view the docket sheet, including images of electronically filed documents, using PACER or you can use one of the public access computers available in the Clerk's Office at the Court.

# **CONSENT TO ELECTRONIC SERVICE**

I hereby consent to receive electronic service of notices and documents in my case(s) listed below. I affirm that:

- 1. I have regular access to my e-mail account and to the internet and will check regularly for Notices of Electronic Filing;
- 2. I have established a PACER account;
- 3. I understand that electronic service is service under Rule 5 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and Rule 5.2 of the Local Civil Rules, and that I will no longer receive paper copies of case filings, including motions, decisions, orders, and other documents;
- 4. I will promptly notify the Court if there is any change in my personal data, such as name, address, or e-mail address, or if I wish to cancel this consent to electronic service;
- 5. I understand that I must regularly review the docket sheet of my case so that I do not miss a filing; and
- 6. I understand that this consent applies only to the cases listed below and that if I file additional cases in which I would like to receive electronic service of notices of documents, I must file consent forms for those cases.

## **Civil case(s) filed in the Southern District of New York:**

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| Telephone Number     |      | E-mail Address             | E-mail Address  |  |  |
| Date                 |      | Signature                  |   |  |  |

#### **Return completed form to:**

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